

HOUSE RESOLUTION 42

By Hazlewood

A RESOLUTION to recognize E. Stephen Jett on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, E. Stephen "Steve" Jett is one such estimable person, who has served with distinction for forty-one years as a corporate and transactional attorney, working with clients from a variety of industries, particularly manufacturing, health care, and software businesses, and he now takes a much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Steve Jett received his Bachelor of Science degree from Tennessee Technological University in 1967, his Master of Science degree from The University of Tennessee Space Institute in 1969, and his Doctor of Jurisprudence from The University of Texas School of Law in 1973; and

WHEREAS, his career has been with Chambliss, Bahner & Stophel, P.C., or one of its predecessor firms, except two years that were spent as general counsel of Astec Industries Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jett has handled acquisitions and dispositions of businesses across the United States and in Canada, South Africa, Australia, and Germany; and his practice in legal health care has been focused on representing physicians and other providers in business and regulatory matters; and

WHEREAS, he is an active and important part of his profession and is a member of the Chattanooga Bar Association, the Tennessee Bar Association's Health Law Section, and the American Bar Association; he is a member of the American Health Lawyers Association and is a past member of the board of directors of Meritas; and

WHEREAS, Steve Jett has been widely recognized in his field. He is a Fellow in the Chattanooga and Tennessee Bar Foundations; has been cited in *Best Lawyers in America* as Chattanooga Health Care Lawyer of the Year, 2012 and 2015; Chattanooga Corporate Law Lawyer of the Year, 2014; and Chattanooga Mergers & Acquisitions Law Lawyer of the Year, 2013; and he is a member of Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Steve Jett has been blessed with an excellent legal mind and has applied his excellence in myriad ways during his career that have contributed to advancement in the realms of business, corporate governance, construction, health care, and manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, he exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and throughout his estimable career, he has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby extend to E. Stephen "Steve" Jett our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.